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In response to the office action mailed **February 14, 2003** in conjunction with the above-captioned patent application, and before the end of the three-month shortened statutory time for reply, **May 14, 2003**, please reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following.

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1, 13, 17, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing in subject matter not described in